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SUBJ: SPANISH SAHARA: PRESS REPORTS OF ICJ HEARINGS

1. LOCAL PRESS REPORTS JULY 17 THAT ALGERIA ENDED ITS PRESENTATION JULY 16 ON NOTE WHICH WAS CLOSER TO GOS POSITION THAN TO MOROCCAN POSITION. BOTH COUNTRIES WERE REPORTEDLY ON SAME LINE ON TWO POINTS: (A) POSSIBILITY THAT ICJ MIGHT DECLARE ITSELF NOT COMPETENT TO ISSUE ADVISORY OPINION ON ISSUE BECAUSE IT IS MORE POLITICAL THAN JURIDICAL IN CONTENT AND (B) ON RIGHT OF SAHARANS TO DECIDE THEIR OWN DESTINY BY MEANS OF REFERENDUM.

2. GOS REPORTEDLY BEGAN ITS PRESENTATION TO ICJ JULY 16 BY QUESTIONS ADVISABILITY OF HAVING THIS TRIBUNAL RESPOND TO QUESTIONS ON HISTORICAL RIGHTS IN AREA WHICH IS IN PROCESS OF DECOLONIZATION. IN SPANISH VIEW, ICJ, BY ANSWERING QUESTIONS RAISED BY UNGA, COULD INTRODUCE FUNDAMENTAL MODIFICATION IN PROCESS OF DECOLONIZATION TO DETRIMENT OF THE PRINCIPAL OF SELF-DETERMINATION. THE COURT'S JUDICIAL FUNCTION WOULD THEREBY BE CONVERTED INTO UNCLASSIFIED

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POLITICAL FUNCTION WHICH IS MORE PROPERLY ROLE OF UNGA.

GOS PRESENTATION IS SCHEDULED TO LAST THROUGH JULY 23.

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